A True
DISCOVERY
Of the Private League, between the late
KING JAMES
AND THE
King of France,
To Destroy all the
Protestants of Europe.

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IT is not the least Happiness of this Nation, that whatsoever private Conspiracies or Endeavours have been made use of for the Subversion of the Government and holy reform'd Religion for so many years, and by so many Laws Establish'd among us, that still those Conspiracies, though they have been first set on foot by the most Politick and Numerous Head-pieces in Europe; so that in all Moral Possibility, they could not have been suppos'd to fail, have by the immediate Finger, as it were, and the over-ruling Providence of Almighty God, been not only pointed out and discover'd, but almost every one of them prevented, and many (both of the Authours and Abettors of the same) brought to Condigne Punishment; and though we do not as some of our Adversaries Wickedly and Foolishly object, with or after the Principles of the *Turks*, measure the Equity of our Cause by the Successes we find, yet we cannot refuse, without Sinning, to Praise and Magnifie God for his so signal Delivery of us in all times and Dangers that have threatned his holy Church and People; nor can we believe that God Almighties Goodness and Power would have been so signally and remarkably exerted for us, through such a long Series of Blessings, which at and from the beginning of the Reformation we have enjoy'd, but that he saw the Integrity of our Hearts, and the Blasphemy of our Unrighteous Enemys, who equally endeavoured to trample on his holy Word and Laws, as on our Lives and lawful Libertys: I could here enumerate their Projects heretofore which with all the Secrecy imaginable they have carry'd on to the very brink of performance, and yet have fail'd; As First, *Garnet* and *Campbells* Conspiracys in Queen *Elizabeth's* time; the *Powder-Treason* in King *James* the First's Reign; the secret Practices of the *Jesuits* in King *Charles* the First's time, when Multitudes of them, both in Church, State, and the Army peculiarly, first rais'd Divisions, then fomented and abetted each Party, to the total Ruine almost of Church and State; the Grand Conspiracy of the Papists in King *Charles* the Seconds time; the several Assassinations and Murders; all these, I say, we could speak enough to, but because the Contrivances of the Late King and his Ministers do more nearly concern us at this time, I shall more particularly enlarge upon them: What the Parliament since their Sitting have laid down and resolv'd to be Grievances, need not be repeated, we all know that our Laws, our Libertys, our Religion, nay our Lives, were in so eminent Danger, that till the Prince of *Orange* (since our Gracious King,) came to our timely Rescue, we might justly fear our utter Extirpation and Ruine, but whether

whether these great Revolutions, and just Afflictions of our Enemies, have any way alter'd their thoughts and designs against us, is the thing to be Examin'd, and which may be guess'd at by the Discourse that pass'd between the late King and *Lewis le Grand*, at the late Kings taking a Solemn leave of him upon his Departure for *Brest*, and thence for *Ireland* or *Scotland*. The Discourse is credibly reported to be nearly to this purpose. K. of *England*: I heartily thank your Majesty for the Favours and Kindnesses you have so generously shown to a Prince in Distress, and though I cannot at present make a suitable Return, yet I doubt not, but by the Assistance of my Subjects in *Ireland*, I shall be able to Form such an Army, as shall be able to Reclaim my Kingdom of *England*, and Settle me again in the Throne of my Fathers, and then I believe you will not doubt of my Readiness to Gratify your utmost Wishes and Request. K. of *France*, your Majesty may assure your self I Cordially have and do desire your Welfare and Success, and if your Majesty had thought fit to follow the Intimations of my Advice, I assure you you had by this time Gain'd your Point, and have been Peaceably Seated in your Throne. *England*: Perhaps Sir you are not more acquainted with *England* than my self; I brought upon them more Innovations in Four Years, than my Predecessours in Fourscore, and which is a Miracle, I hardly ever heard them so much as Murmur till towards the end of all; did not I New-Modell both Church and State, and in one Year more, I should the Army too. *France*: Why, with Submission, there was your Errour, you first let them see what you design'd, before you were in a Condition to Execute it; I advis'd and told you it would be Impossible to bring in the *Catholick Religion* with a *Protestant Army*, and that the main thing you were to take Care of, was to settle the Sword fast in your Hand, and then to strike at Discretion, their Destruction or Submission should have been as sudden as the Shot of my Musquets, and they should never have had reason to complain of a Grievance till I had had their Necks under my Foot: *England*. We wanted time for this, for the thought of your Auxiliarys would have put them all in a Confusion, and my own were not to be trusted. *France*: Was not *Ireland* your own? could not Forty Thousand from time to time been easily and without Suspicion Transported, and upon a Signal been ready and willing for any Service? *England*: I had a Considerable Army in *Ireland*, which in a short time, I did resolve to make use of. *France*. But you had first given your *Heretick's* the Alarm, which not only put them upon their Guard, but made them afterwards look upon you as an absolute Enemy to their Interest. *England*: But supposing these men had been sent over, the Country must have been sensible of it, and Consequently, would have judg'd at the Design. *France*: Believe me no, for while they had no reason to Complain of the Breach of Privileges, they would have been Secure and Negligent: I would have been so far from Encroaching upon any of their Franchises, till I were able to strike Home, that I would in the *Interim* have Granted and Promis'd them more than they already had. *England* must be first deceiv'd, and then Destroy'd. *England*. I wish I were to play the Game over again: I confess I was too hasty with them, I thank some of my Councellours. *France*. With not, but be assur'd you shall, *Ireland* will keep them in Play one while, *Scotland* will not be backward, and sure you have some good Subjects in *England* yet left, be assur'd of my utmost Assistance, and I doubt not to give them all powerfull Diversion: but when you have brought about your Business, lean not on the Advice of every Hot-headed Fellow, I'le Engage that *Father Petre*, and two or three more such Blustring Politicians, have done the *Catholick* Cause more Harm, these four last Years, than all our United Councels can do it good these Ten years to come; you have seen the Courses I have taken, and how I have thriv'd upon it; therefore, when you are well Seated, take with Submission, those Measures, which by long Experience, I can assure you, I know will not prove Ineffectual. *England*: I have done Brother, in the Meridian of my Strength, adher'd to your Councels and Admonitions, and now in my Distress, it is both my Interest and Inclination to follow all Rules of your Prescription, and if ever (which I doubt not) I be Seated again in my Throne, I will not be unmindfull of your Favours, or ungrateful in the return, and till then, I take my hearty leave, and bid you Farewell.

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